

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Serial No.: 10/764,691) Art Unit: 1651
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 Filed: January 26, 2004) Examiner: Susan M. Hanley
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 For: ELECTROPROCESSED FIBRIN-BASED)
 MATRICES AND TISSUES)

 RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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 Sir:

In the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed June 28, 2006, the Examiner required restriction of the above-identified patent application to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-2, 4, 5 and 21 drawn to electroprocessed fibrin and optionally additional substances;

Group II: Claims 3, 6-8 and 22 drawn to an engineered tissue of fibrin matrix and cells and optionally additional substances,;

Group III: Claims 9-10 drawn to a method of delivering a substance;

Group IV: Claims 11-14 drawn to a method of treating a wound or providing hemostasis with fibrin matrix;

Group V: Claims 15-16 drawn to an assay for cell response;

Group VI: Claims 17-18 drawn to a method of making an electroprocessed fibrin matrix; and

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Group VII: Claims 19-20 drawn to a process of making an engineered tissue.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect Group I (1-2, 4, 5 and 21).

Submitted herewith is a petition for a five-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 28, 2006, now set to expire December 28, 2006. The required fees are submitted herewith.

No additional fees are believed due; however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account number 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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